



The Persuasive Mirror

What will you look like in 5 years? In 10? Or in 20? To that end, scientists have developed what has been called a persuasive mirror. The mirror consists of a complex system of cameras that observe a person while they go about their daily activities and certain technology produces a reflection of how the person will look in the future. At first, it sounds very intriguing but imagine how awful it would be to see yourself gaining weight, graying, developing wrinkles, and aging.

There is another mirror even more powerful than the persuasive mirror, and that is God's mirror. James 1.22-25 teaches us that the word of God, the Bible, is like a mirror. Just as seeing oneself in a persuasive mirror would be unpleasant, neither is it always pleasant to see oneself in God's mirror because the Bible shows me what I am: sinful, ungodly, unjust, unclean, and a sinner. Have you seen yourself in God's mirror?

Smoking, drinking alcohol, eating junk food, and excessive tanning are harmful activities that, over time, have negative and undesired consequences.

Therefore, one positive purpose of the persuasive mirror is to show the person what will happen if they continue eating junk food, drinking, or engaging in other destructive habits; hoping that they heed the warning and alter their lifestyle, thus changing their future.

God's mirror also has a positive purpose: to teach us that we are sinners and that it is essential for us to be saved from the punishment for our sins, that is, the second death in the Lake of Fire. Referring to the law that God gave to Moses, the Apostle Paul said, *"by the law is the knowledge of sin"* (Romans 3.20 NKJV). And then in the same book of Romans it says, speaking specifically of the Ten Commandments, *"I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet'"* (Romans 7.7 NKJV).

But, the Bible doesn't teach us that we must keep the law to be saved. Rather, I repeat, the law is meant to show me that I am a sinner and to guide me to the Savior who is the only one who can save me. *"Therefore the law was*

our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith” (Galatians 3.24 NKJV). Therefore, keeping the law doesn’t save me; it is Christ who saves me, through faith in Him.

Have you seen yourself in God’s mirror? Have you learned what you are before God? Have you placed your faith in Christ as your Savior? If not, have you seen what your future will be like without Christ?

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